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In re the application of:
Fred Christian Baij

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Title: FRAMING LUMBER PRODUCTS AND METHODS

DECLARATION OF FRED CHRISTIAN BAIJ

UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.131

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

1. My name is Fred Christian Baij
2. I am the inventor in the above-identified application.
3. This declaration is being made pursuant to Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter I, Rule 1.131.
4. Prior to May 19, 1999, the claimed invention, including all the elements thereof, had been reduced to practice in the United States, as evidenced in Exhibit #1 and Exhibit #2, included herewith.

Certain sections of Exhibit #1 and Exhibit #2 have been blacked-out or deleted as such sections contain proprietary or other information which is not needed for evaluation of this Declaration.

5. Each of the dates blacked-out in Exhibit #1 and Exhibit #2 is a date prior to May 19, 1999.
6. Exhibit #1 represents a Provisional Patent Application which I filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, pro-se, and which I hereby rely upon to show constructive reduction to practice and/or conception prior to May 19, 1999.
7. Exhibit #2 represents a letter from a representative at a company that I hired to make a prototype of my invention, and which I hereby rely upon to show actual reduction to practice and/or conception prior to May 19, 1999.
8. Further I say not.

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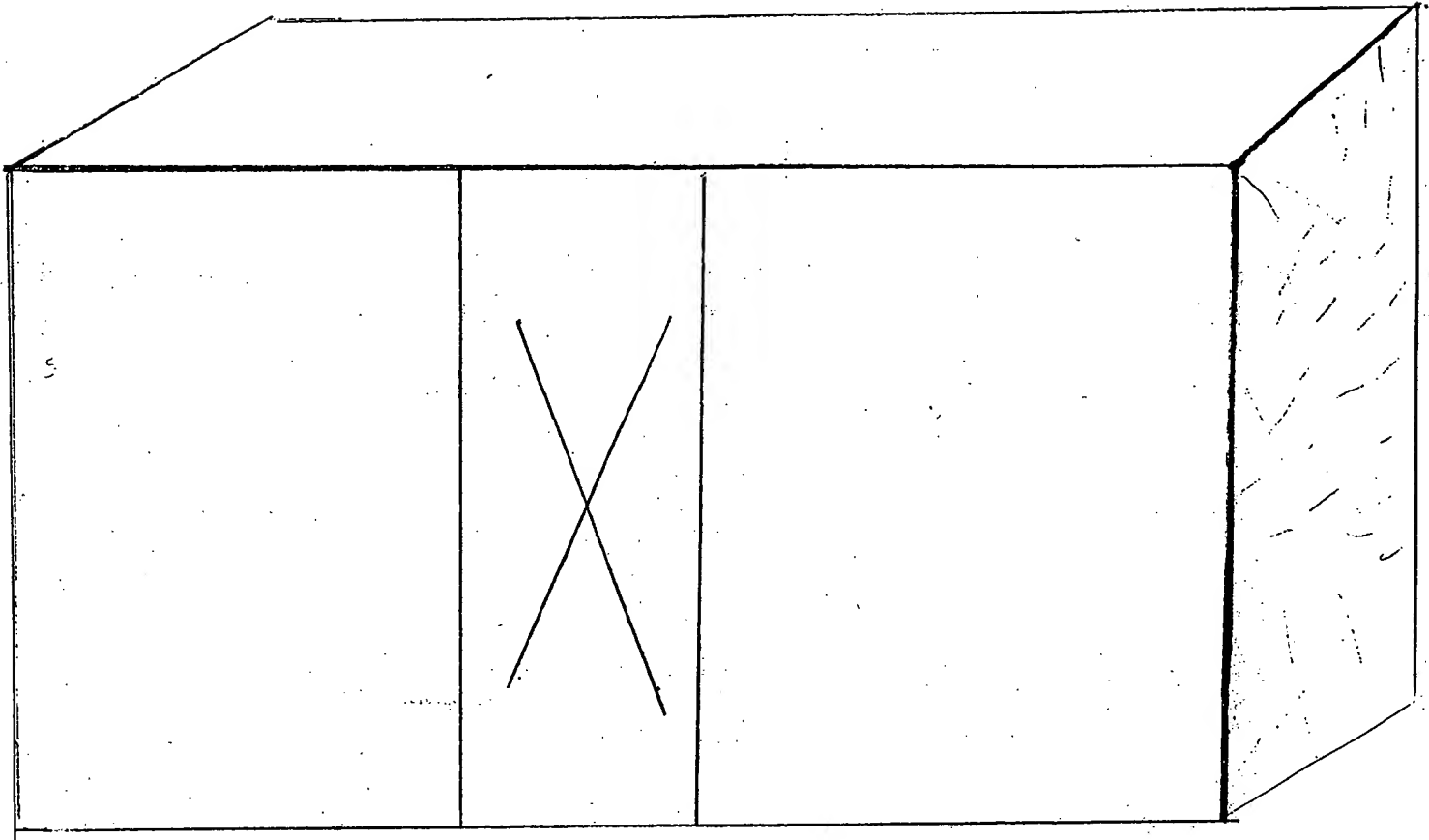
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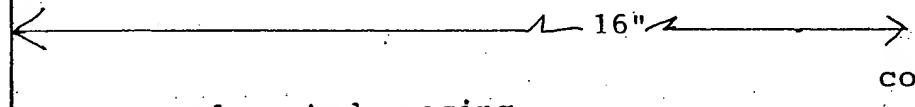
REGULAR STUD SPACING PRINTED ON LUMBER. EXAMPLE 16"OC INDICATE WHERE
2X4 STUDS (UPRIGHT MEMBERS ARE PLACED.

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Actual size 2" x 4" demension lumber #1



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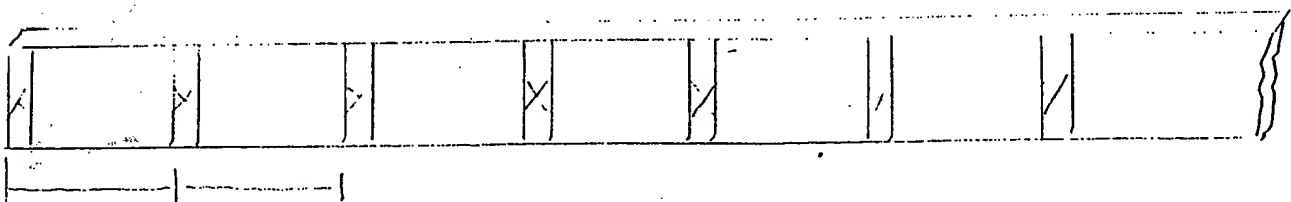


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regular stud spacing 2x4, 2x6

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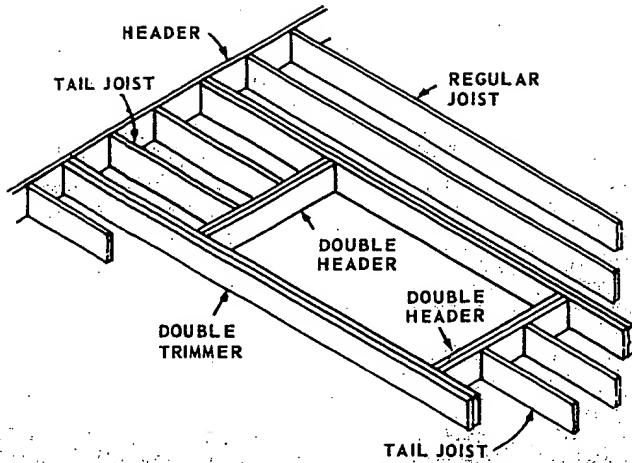


Fig. 7-26. Framing members around a floor opening.

are lapped at the girder, the X (position of the joists) is marked on the other side of the layout line for the opposite wall.

access, Fig. 7-25. Joists must also be doubled around openings in the floor frame for stairways, chimneys, and fireplaces. These joists are called trimmers and support the headers which carry the tail joists. See Fig. 7-26. The carpenter must become thoroughly familiar with the plans at each floor level so adequate support can be provided.

Select straight lumber for the header joist and lay out the standard spacing along its entire length, Fig. 7-27. Add the position for any doubled joists under partitions and also trimmer joists that will be required along openings. Where regular joists will become tail joists, change the X mark to a T as shown.

Installing Joists

After the header joists are laid out, place them in position and toenail them to the sill. Place all full length joists in position, Fig. 7-28, with

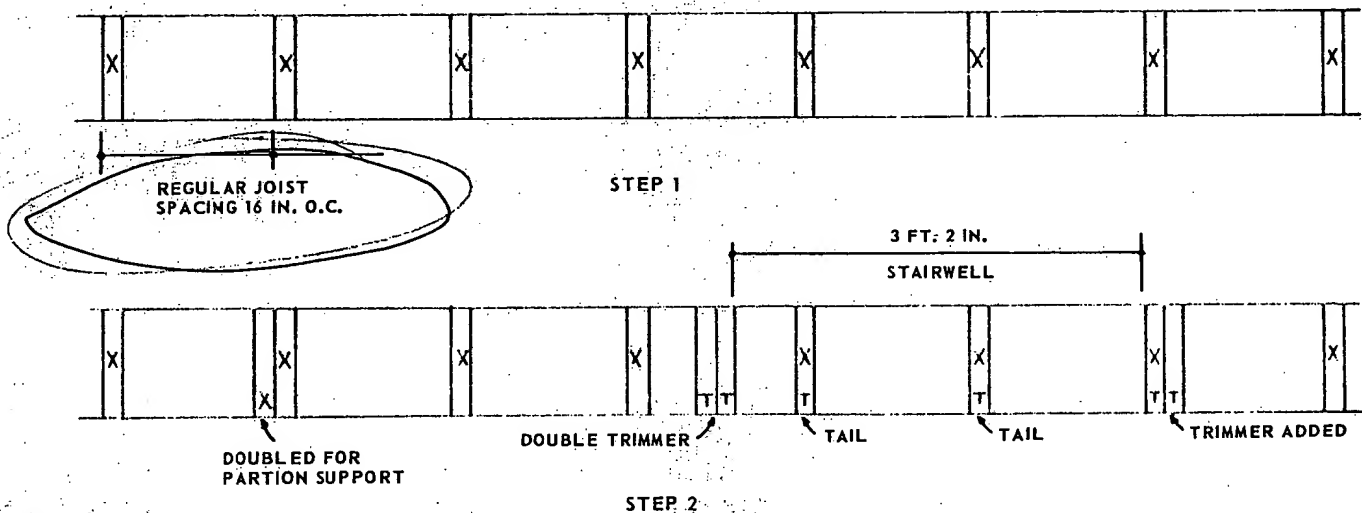


Fig. 7-27. Header joist layout. Use a rod to lay out the regular joist spacing, and then add the position of double and trimmer joists.

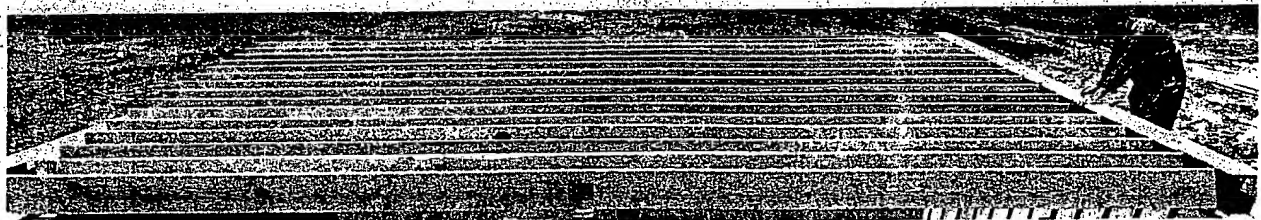


Fig. 7-28. Full length joists in position.

Joists are doubled where extra loads must be supported. When a partition runs parallel to the joists, a double joist is placed underneath. Partitions which are to carry plumbing or heating pipes are usually spaced apart to permit easy

the crown (slight warpage called crook) turned up. Hold the end tightly against the header and along the layout line so the sides will be plumb. Attach the joists to the header using a nailing pattern consisting of three 20d nails.

Wall and Ceiling Framing

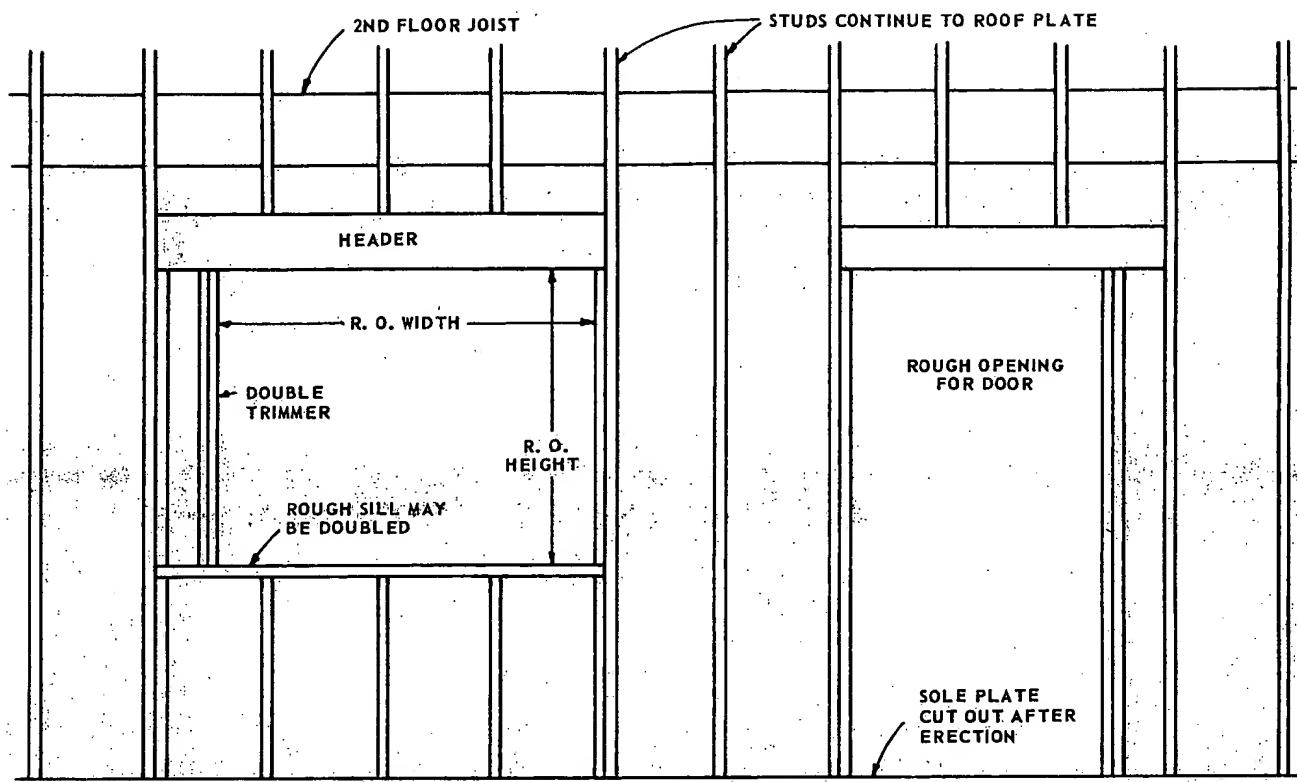


Fig. 8-9. Framed openings in balloon construction.

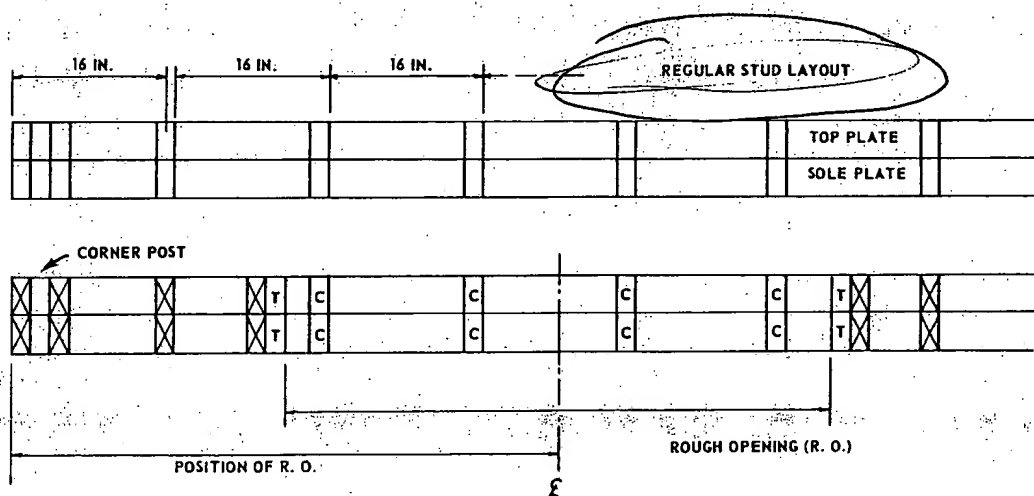


Fig. 8-10. Layout of sole and top plates. Above, Regular stud spacing marked. Below, Converted for window opening.

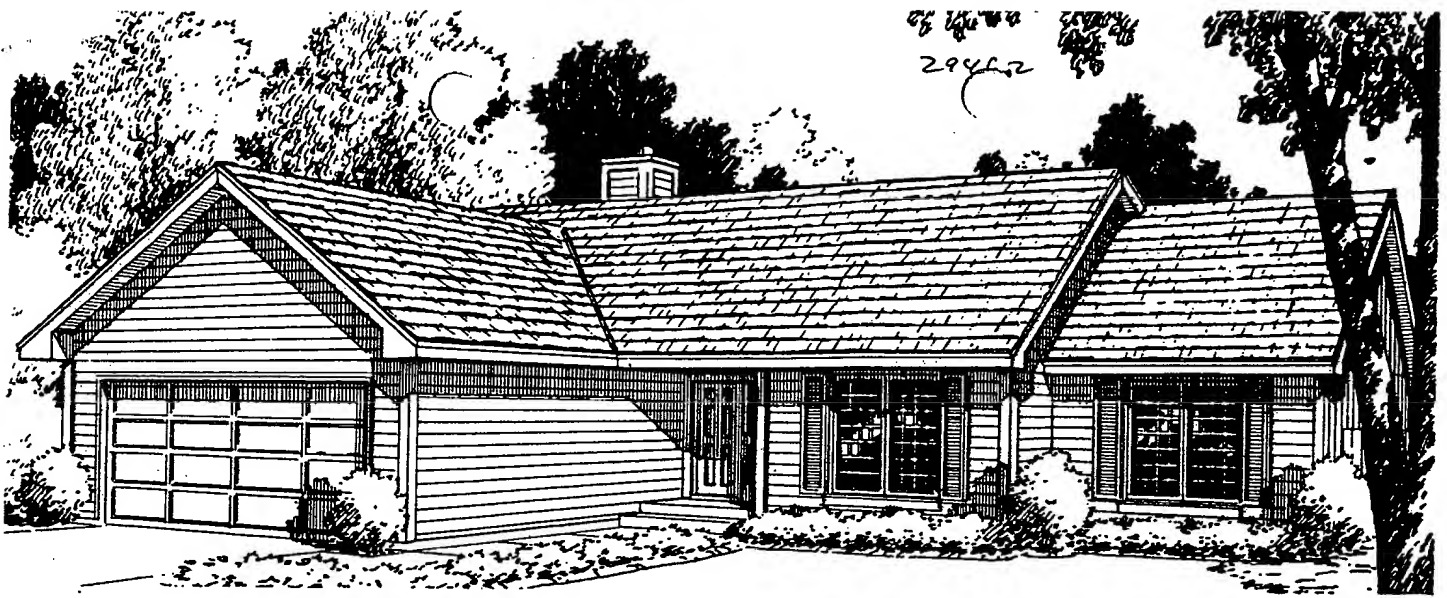
Several different procedures may be followed in framing openings in balloon construction. Sometimes it is best to erect all of the studs first and then lay out and cut openings. Another procedure is to erect only the full length studs and then fill in the vertical area with the assembly of cripple studs, rough sills and headers. In balloon construction, where the studs extend from the sole plate to the roof plate, the common practice is to extend headers beyond the opening to the next regular stud as shown in Fig. 8-9.

Plate Layout

Select straight 2 x 4 stock and lay two pieces of equal length along the perimeter of the floor. The length of these pieces, which will form the separate wall sections, should be determined by the rough openings included and the procedure that will be used to raise the sections into place.

Lay out the plates along the main side walls first. Align the ends with the floor frame and then mark the regular stud spacing all the way along

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The 1500 square foot home shown above requires 56 pieces of 16ft long 2x4s for interior and exterior wall plates. All wall plates, top & bottom, must be, "laid out" or marked, using a pencil, tape measure and square. Thses layout marks indicate stud and rafter spacing and location, 16" or 2' oncenter. This task is preformed by a higher paid forman or lead carpenter on a construc tion crew.

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The inventor, Fred Baij, has been a carpenter and building contractor for the last 21 years, and developed this idea through building experiences.

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EXHIBIT #2



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Subject : Marking 2 x 4

Dear mr. Baij

I received your fax and description of the application to mark 2x4 material with stud marks. I did some experimenting with our Non-Contact Large Character Ink Jet coding system. I created a design to show two vertical lines and a "X". I have sample marked two PCs 2x4 for your review

Also enclosed is basic information on our Ink Jet Coder. Once you have had a chance to review the samples, let me know if you have any questions, or if I can be of any further assistance. Perhaps this is a solution for your application.

Regards


Tom Keevers





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